consultation with concerned Ministries and take into account the developments that are taking place, likely to take place, growth in population, growth in GDP, growth in industries, etc, Ihus a systematic study is undertak?r every five years and is a continuous process. These are reviewed at the time of formulating the Annual Plans.

issue of licences to catering units at Railway stations

2219. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS De pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide licences for catering units at railway stations only to the contractors; and

(b) if so. the proposed division of jurisdiction oi: catering arrangements between contractors a ad the departmental catering units at those railway stations where catering units are already functioning?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) As per new catering policy, all new catering|vending licences are to be awarded to reputed and profes sional caterers. Besides, the existing departmental catering units are to continue.

(b) At stations where comprehensive Departmental Catering exists, catering/vending by private contractors is only regulated.

Setting wp of Computerised Support System with technical assistance from World Bank

2220. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are setting up coraputeised support system with technical assistance from the World Bank to make perfect projections ior the next 15 years;

(b) what is the grant expected from the World Bank; and

(c) by when the project is likeiy to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): to (c) A technical assistance financed by Japanese Grant Fund through a grant of Y 79.5 million, managed by world Bank for development of computer based Long Range Devision Support System has been negotiated. It will take about 2 years for development of such a system be-I tore it can be operational.

Bharat Wago.. and Engineering Company Limited

2221. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Wago.i and Engineering Company Limited has been a profit making comany till the financial year 1992-93;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Railways have stopped placing orders for wagons to this factory from April, 1994. which has adversely affected the company's internal economy; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and how soon Government would place orders with this factory?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): fa') Yes Sir. The Company has ! been a profit making one from 1983.84 onwards, except in the **j«e»r** 1988-89.

(b) No, Sir. Orders fo$_r$ 1037.5 wagons in terms of iour wheelers have been placed for manufacture in 1994-95. and

(c) Does not arise.

Computerised Reservation Centre at Jalandhar

2222. SHRI IQBAL SlNGH; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleas-ed to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 5771 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 1994 and state;

(a) what progress has so far been made in regard to the establishment of Computerised Reservation Centre at Ja! .ndhar Junction in Punj'-b;

(b) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is expected to he put into operation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and(b) About 60 percent of the work involved including procurement of equipment, hiring of channels etc., has been completed.

(c) The facility is likely to be introduced at Jalandhar in the current financial year.

Driveiless goods train fioai Birpur towards Bangai'-re

2223. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a driverless goods train travelled quite a lot from Birpur towards Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the circumstances in which the train was given clear signal and whether any responsibility has been fixed for this incident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) On 9.7.94, in Birpur station yard on the Arsikere-Hubli se.t.on of Mysore Division of Southern Railway, a shut down diesel locomotive with 16 wagons was tem. porirly immobilised. However, the shunting load rolled down due to a failing gradient towards Arsikere and (ravelled about 12 kms. without any driver and with no signals. The load stopped between Kadur and Devanur stations, after reaching a rising gradient. The inquiry committee has fixed responsibility on 6 (six) railway staff.

Railway Claims Tribunals in the Cuwntry

2224. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: WUl the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of benches of Rail way Claims Tribunals in the coun try;

(b) the number of posts of Judi cial Member lying vacant i$_n$ these benches;

(c) the steps being taken by tht Government to fill up these posts;

(d) whether it is a fact that inter view for selection of Judicial Mem bers for these benches were held in January, 1994;

(e) if so, whether the appoint ments have bee$_n$ made in pursuance of these selections and if not the rea sons therefor; and

(f) by when these appointments are likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF); (a) Nineteen.